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Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *December 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have to report the arrival during the week ending to-day the following-named vessels: December 4, British steamship *Burton*, from Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore. December 8, British steamship *Saint Hubert*, from Daiquiri, with iron ore.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

Reports from the Mexican border.

Eagle Pass, Tex., December 1, 1900—Inspection service.—I have the honor to report that during the month of November, 1900, there were detained in the detention camp at this port 7 persons, all of whom came from Vera Cruz, Mexico, excepting 2 Indians who came from a smallpox camp about 80 miles south of Eagle Pass, in Mexico.

During the past month over 15 trunks were disinfected at this place, all of these trunks coming directly from infected districts in Mexico.

It is probable that many persons will attempt entrance now since the cooler weather has put in an appearance; however, it seems to me that these persons should be held and observed here at the camp, as the weather is practically warm the year around and yellow fever could easily develop in the winter. Besides, smallpox is liable to appear in epidemic form in Mexico at any moment.

Eagle Pass.—Detention of suspects.—I have the honor to inform the Bureau that on the 28th instant I took from the train here 4 Italians who were just four days out from Vera Cruz, Mexico. These Italians had been exposed to yellow fever and smallpox in Vera Cruz, as had their baggage, consequently I put the people in the detention camp and disinfected their baggage, etc. These Italians will remain here until a sufficient period has elapsed to insure their freedom from disease.

I shall continue to keep the camp in running order until authorized to the contrary.

LEA HUME,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

El Paso, Tex., December 1, 1900—Inspection service.—I have the honor to transmit herewith a summary of work at this station for the week ended December 1, 1900: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 168; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 31; inspection Mexican immigrants, 48; disinfection of clothing, bedding, etc., of immigrants, 31 bundles; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 414 pieces; disinfection of Pullman sleeper linen 2,550 pieces; vaccination of immigrants and children, 12.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

GEORGIA.—*Columbus.*—Month of November, 1900. Estimated population, 19,303—white, 10,276; colored, 9,027. Total number of deaths, 29—white, 12; colored 17—including enteric fever, 3, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.